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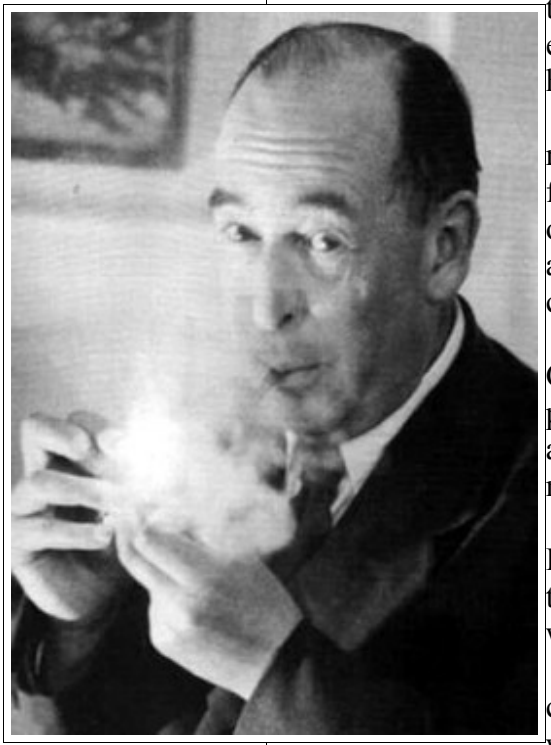
Pastor Badgers Congregation To Boycott C.S. Lewis

In a series of sermons against C.S. Lewis posted at SermonAudio.com, Pastor Jason Cooley creates the impression that it is wrong to read that particular author's works because of areas in which the famed scholar's theology was deficient by the standard of Biblical orthodoxy.

So why is it not wrong for the pastor to have either read these works or to have familiarized himself with this material?



At one point in the sermon, Pastor Cooley shouts like a lunatic asking if anyone in the congregation still wants to read the disputed books or watch movies inspired by these particular texts.

And what if someone responded back "YES!"

In this series of sermons, Pastor Cooley insisted that the title alone of T*he Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe* ought to be enough to get the believing Christian to avoid the book.

So if witches are evil, what is wrong with casting one in the role of the villain?

Maybe that role should instead, as in the case of many of Stephen King's works of speculative literature, be reserved for ultralegalistic ministers attempting to assert too much control over their congregations and parishioners.

From the sermons, it becomes increasingly apparent that, while Pastor Cooley has a commendable grasp of these areas where caution regarding Lewis would be prudent, the minister does not have much appreciation for the techniques of the literary arts.

This is particularly evident in regards to the scenes Cooley analyzes of Lucy's encounter with the fawn Mr.Tumnus.

For example, Rev. Cooley insists that, since fawns are noted in mythology for their seductive powers, that what Lewis is advocating are indecent carnal relations between underage minors and demoniac spirit beings.

Instead, the greater truth Lewis could be attempting to convey might be for the need to be cautious of that which we might initially find appealing if we consider the literary motif associated with the fawn and how the narrative plays itself out with Mr. Tumnus wanting to capitalize on his initial encounter with Lucy by handing her over to the White Witch.

Sometimes these unsettling realities that we are reluctant to face can be easier to grapple with or stick in the brain in the form of an engaging story rather than be constantly hollered at alone.

However, apparently Pastor Cooley is not much of a proponent of the old adage about a spoonful of sugar getting the medicine to go down.

In his tirades against C.S. Lewis, Pastor Cooley remarked that science fiction is nothing but witchcraft.

As justification for such a claim, Pastor Cooley posits that witchcraft consists of any power that does not come from God.

Once again, what Pastor Cooley possesses in terms of a desire to preserve sound doctrine he sadly lacks in literary understanding.

Admittedly, magic is often an intrinsic component of many forms of fantasy.

However, though science fiction can contain certain mystical elements such as the Force in Star Wars, over all, the genre attempts to provide a technological basis for the impressive wonders described in these works of imagination.

As such, though science fiction can be utilized to promote questionable philosophies, science fiction is morally neutral like most other forms of technology.

As such, does Pastor Cooley condemn the use of electricity or the internal combustion engine?

For though these are based upon natural forces set into motion by God's sustaining power, as in the case of literary speculation in conjecture like science fiction, these are the result of the human mind reflecting upon a fact or a concept and extrapolating from these to configure them in such a way as to result in an until then unrealized application or insight.

Interestingly, developers of these technologies expressed affinities towards ideas and affiliations perhaps even more questionable than those to which C.S. Lewis was drawn.

Henry Ford disseminated “The Protocols Of The Elders Of Zion” to promote his particular brand of anti-Semiticism.

Thomas Edison wasn't just at one time a member of Theosophical Society; his research into electricity was intermingled with speculation regarding spiritualist phenomena and communication.

Therefore, does that mean that to remain consistent with Pastor Cooley's call for a radical degree of separation, that Pastor Cooley must repent of his electronic ministries and instead must in faith rely only on those methods utilized by the Apostles in the early days of the Church?

Should Churches Be Subsidized For Preaching Politically Correct Propaganda?

In compliance with the state mandate to curb storm water run off, the Prince George's County Department of the Environment is considering a proposal that would waive the unpopular impervious surface property tax assessment for their properties if churches agree to preach environmentally friendly sermons or engage in other forms of mental conditioning.

What's the big deal, some will ask.

After all, does the Bible not teach us to be good stewards of God's creation?

God's word also instructs the believer to be on guard against wolves in sheep's clothing.

If governments grant tax code favors to religious organizations for ideological compliance in regards to one issue, what is to prevent them from doing so in regards to more controversial matters?

In the name tolerance and diversity, what if governments granted tax and regulatory relief to congregations supporting gay marriage?

What if a government wanted to promote pluralism and inclusion by lavishing all manner of benefits upon a church that agreed not to lift the name of Jesus above all names but instead only reference a nondescript generic God or no God at all but rather just the Ultimate Concern as formulated by Paul Tillich?

How about putting the shoe on the other foot for a moment?

What if to bolster declining birthrates a government lavished tax favors upon churches promising to preach prolife messages?

It is said that the power to tax is the power to destroy.

Advocates insist that that the program is strictly voluntary.

However, government programs that start off voluntary can easily end up becoming mandatory.

Anybody remember the assurances of if you like your healthcare plan you can keep your healthcare plan?

From one perspective, the program is completely voluntary with no government shocktroops raiding churches failing to put in the environmental upgrades or enunciating church dogma in such a way to win the approval of the state (at least not yet anyway).

Yet from another perspective, aren't churches that refuse to have their very thoughts policed in this manner punished by having to pay the tax?

Courts have forbidden graduation prayers for being less of a mental intrusion.

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Before Leaving Office Will Obama Surrender The US To The Red Chinese More Fully?

DC Budgetary Viability Based Upon Seized Property

Apostate Clerics Bestow Blessing Upon Racialist Mob

Religious Clerics Attempt To Turn Thanksgiving Into Socialist Guilt Trip

Police Deliberately Shoot Retreating Puppy

Should Taxpayers Pick Up The Tab For Charles Manson's Wedding Planner?

Telegenetic Activation

Muslim Prayers Further Episcopalianism's Anti-Christian Agenda

Of the Muslim prayers allowed in the structure on 11/11/14, the National Cathedral posted on its Facebook page that the service was open only to attendees and interfaith guests.

So apparently the National Cathedral doesn't have a problem with religious exclusion when doing so promotes that institution's anti-Christian and anti-American agendas.

Would a radical Christian sect that opposed homosexuality be allowed to promote their particular theological viewpoint within that particular edifice with the vestry's blessing, especially if the sponsors or participants advocated the use of violence or extend moral approval to those utilizing such to achieve their socioreligious objectives?

Then why is this privilege being extended to Muslims having participated in such outrages?

Taking Humility Too Far

It was said in a sermon that a humble heart was one that has no thought of itself.

However, one is not obligated to remain in an ecclesiastical, business, or personal relationships where mistreatment crosses the boundary of occasional small scale slights into the territory of abuse and being taken advantage of.

A statement like that mentioned in the sermon sounds profoundly spiritual.

However, given what has occurred over the course of church history and what goes on behind the locked doors of many of these congregations, the pastors and theologians extolling the virtue of the diminution of the self need to be very careful as to what they mean by such admonitions.

Will Pro-Marriage Ministries Celebrate Manson Nuptials?

Given that he praised in a sense Americans willing to prostitute themselves as ISIS breeding sows, does Albert Mohler intend to also applaud the mental case planning to wed Charles Manson?

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Turncoat's Mom Admits Son Might Have Gotten What He Deserved

Cosmologist Plots Theocide

Betsy Ross, Albert Einstein & Mother Teresa Apparently Not Black Enough

Are Pastafarian Accessories Protected Religious Apparel?

Afrosupremacist Aspires To Genocide Of White Infants

British Pedagogues Edge Children Closer To Government-Sanctioned Molestation

Does Pope Francis Have The Hots For Blasphemous Rocker

Even Other Muslims Admit That CAIR Is A Terrorist Front Group

Marine Veteran Insists Criticizing Islamists Cost Him Livelihood & Home

Trayvonites Threaten To Vandalize St. Louis Arch

Probe Sniffs Comet's Backside

Was Chesterton Too Much Of A Boozehound To Be Canonized?

Holder Insinuates That Flippantly Flirting With A White Woman As Evil As Snatching A Cop's Gun

Afrosupremacist Aspires To The Genocide Of White Infants

The Dones Retain Faith In God But Move Beyond Institutionalized Religion

Obama Fails To Categorize Synagogue Murderers As Radical Jihadists

Student Suspended For Deploying Telepathic Particle Beam

Can Allegations Against Cosby Even Be Proven?

Bill Cosby probably is a sex pervert.

But how is one going to prove allegations made regarding carnal liaisons transpiring over thirty years ago?

For all we know, these woman might have liked the attention at the time and merely are now outraged that the famed comedian did not share more of his pudding pops with them.

Given Janice Dickinson's history of chemical dependency, how do we know that what she's recalling isn't a bad LSD trip?

Reflections Upon The Passing Of Marion Barry

Former Washington, DC Mayor Marion Barry has died.

Comedians everywhere mourn the loss of such a rich source of material, from his classic outburst “The bitch set me up” to the time he was caught having oral sex behind bars.

Not every DC mayor is infamous enough to be mentioned on The Simpsons.

Was quite amusing the time some welfare leech inquired when was he going to do more for those in her economic condition and he replied by asking when was she going to stop having babies.

How About American Accents?

Medstar Heart & Vascular Institute is broadcasting a commercial with someone with a thick distinctive Hispanic accent.

Do these healthcare providers intend to produce one narrated by a Hillbilly?

Observations Regarding The Thanksgiving Parade

Couldn't the Macy's Parade start with classier lyrics than something with "Hell Of A..." in it with so many children no doubt watching?

The Thomas The Tank Engine balloon looks like it is plunging over the proverbial cliff.

The Chinese float. A nod to America's landlords.

After the parade, will Kiss be wheelchaired back to the nursing home for their meal of creamed corn and turkey mash?

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Government Provides Perverts With Own Sex Dungeon

Is Bill Cosby An Islamist Sympathizer?

Government Thugs Bitch Slap Homeschoolers & Threaten To Shoot Their Dog Without A Warrant

Will Revenue Gestapo Infiltrate American Churches?

Apostate Cathedral Dean Embraces Terrorist Sympathizers

Five Facts You Should Know About Christmas

Beatnik Spares Gene Pool From Further Contamination

Southern Baptist Functionary Smears As Neo-Confederates Those Refusing To Embrace Trayvonite Obamaism

Christianity Today Surrenders To Trayvonitism

Theological Leftists Side With Pillaging Afrosupremacists

Where Is The Unending Coverage Of The Policeman Killed By A Black Gunman?

Moron Hipster Welcomes Trayvonite Brutalization

Secularist Goons Interrogate Student Inviting Classmates To Apologetics Seminar

Trayvonite Deadbeats Attempt To Disrupt Macy's Parade

Violent Tolerancemongers Denounce Ted Nugent For Telling It Like It Is

George Stephanopokous Suggests Rampaging Thugs Should Be Allowed To Prowl The Streets

Dungpile Dictatorships Express Concern Over Police Brutality

Tolerancemongers Hurl Piss At Police

State Legislator Calls For Jihnad Against Whites

Observations Regarding The Ferguson Grand Jury Verdict

President Obama assures that the riots in Missouri are no big deal.

It is only those wicked rural Pennsylvanians that cling to their guns and their God that need to be worried about.

If a few protesters are no big deal, as the President counsels, why all the fuss regarding deranged White House fence jumpers?

It is insinuated that authorities let Ferguson burn.

Had law enforcement cracked a few noggins and run over a few protesters, Afrosupremacist racialists would pitch a fit about that as well.

Contrary to the impression propagated by Southern Baptist functionary Russell Moore, those weren't Neo-Confederates pillaging and rioting following the pronouncement of the grand jury's decision.

Ginsburg Hospitalized

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg underwent a cardiac procedure implanting a stint a day after experiencing discomfort.

This same gnarled crone no doubt voted to uphold the Obama healthcare reforms that would require anyone else her age to submit to death panel deliberation that would decide whether or not the elderly would be worthy of continued existence.

And given that her hospital admission occurred around a major holiday, under the idealized policy she advocates, anybody else would still be waiting in the emergency room.

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Would Time Magazine Still Support Rioting If Its Offices Were Looted?

Obama Calls For The Final Solution To The American Question

Trayvonite Deadbeats Attempt To Disrupt Thanksgiving Parade

Reefer Madness Grips America

Theistic Evolutionists Undermine Belief In Adam & Eve

Farrakhan Stokes Racial Genocide

Thoughts Concerning *Interstellar*

In the theory of relativity, time dilation holds that the closer one gets to the speed of light the slower the rate of chronometric progression.

For example, if one twin remains on Earth while the other whizzes around the universe, when the twin returns from the journey, he won't be much older than when he left but the twin remaining on Earth would be an old person.

Such temporal forces are also believed to exist in the proximity of the Event Horizons of Black Holes. Usually, in contemplating this cosmological profundity, it is so mind boggling that one cannot help but have a sense of amazement and wonder sweep over one's mind.

However, the film *Interstellar* did a superb job in reminding how emotionally devastating this quirk of celestial mechanics might possibly be in terms of family relationships.

Why Isn't Heart knowledge Built Upon Head Knowledge?

In a prayer, an admonishing petition exhorted that the hearers would not accumulate Biblical facts but rather be spoken to by the Holy Spirit.

Isn't it just as important to pray that a stark dichotomy not be drawn between these states of cognitive awareness?

Within a set of hermeneutical parameters where the Scriptures are ultimately the only trustworthy venue through which God speaks to mankind, without a collection of Biblical facts and observations deduced from revelation, how else will the believer hear from God?

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Bludgeoning Murder Of Bosnian Immigrant Heralded As Beautifully Multicultural

Will Human Turds Be Heralded As Time's Person Of The Year?

Commission Seeks Ways To Pin Upheavals On Ronald Reagan Or George Bush

Could You Be Fined $4000 For Refusing To Tell Obama Operatives How You Like Your Privates Jiggled

Combative Ministries Dreaming Of A Disputatious Christmas

An old adage warns that, the more you do for people, the more they you know what all over you.

Actor turned evangelist Kirk Cameron may be becoming personally acquainted with that classic truism.

Merging these divergent vocations, Cameron has produced a documentary examining the Christian origins or at least basis of Christmas.

Surprisingly, some of the harshest criticisms are not coming from the militant secularists or even outright atheists but rather from Cameron's fellow believers.

Cameron is coming under condemnation for including in his film a segment on Santa Claus being inspired by Bishop Nicholas of Myra.

It is from this figure that the legend of St. Nicholas is derived.

But instead of commending Cameron for highlighting little known facts of church history, according to ChristianNews.net, Mike Gerndon of Proclaiming the Gospel Ministries is peeved that Cameron kept his presentation on an ecumenical level and did not go all Jack Chick in exposing the jolly red elf's Roman Catholicism.

The evangelist is quoted as saying in an article posted 11/12/14. “The fact that the Roman Catholic Church made Nicholas a saint should be a red flag to anyone who knows only God can convert sinners to saints by the sovereign work of His Spirit.”

Does it really matter if Nicholas was Roman Catholic or not?

It's not like there were many other churches to pick from in his time if one wanted to express one's religious faith in terms of an orthodox Biblical theology.

However, for Gerndon, even getting his rear this high up on his shoulders is not enough.

His joy this time of year seems to be derived apparently by attempting to ruin every one else's holiday season.

Gerndon continued, “Born again Christians should not be joining Roman Catholics in any spiritual...activity. Paul called on us to remain separate from the unbeliever. When people say 'Merry Christmas'....They are mixing the holy name of Christ with a pagan holiday and a blasphemous representation of Christ on an altar.”

Like many other conceptual formulations, Christmas is imbued with the meaning that we put into it.

By saying “Thursday” or “Saturday”, are fundamental Evangelicals rendering homage to the pagan deities for which those particular days are named?

Scripture urges to call upon the name of the Lord and be saved.

At no time is salvation dependent upon how vehemently one opposes those historic points and personalities where this particular understanding of the faith intersects with another with which it is at times at distinctive variance.

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Christians & Space Exploration

Toy Store Emasculated For Realizing That Spider-Man Appeals Mostly To Young Boys

Bishop Schori Says Not A Single Word In Condemnation Of Ferguson Looting

Stephen Hawking Warns That Artificial Intelligence Might Conspire To Eliminate Humanity

Zuckerberg Snitches On Behalf Of Homeland Security

Rob Bell Pimps On Behalf Of Revelation's Harlot

Obama Encourages Trayvon Worship

The White House is urging classrooms to erect shrines or memorials to Michael Brown and other victims of police violence.

Does this include the Branch Davidians, Randy Weaver, Cliven Bundy, and the nursing home resident tasered to death for refusing to go to the hospital?

Immigrants Not As Highly Skilled As Obama Insists

President Obama insists that a broad immigration policy will allow for the entrance of the high-skilled labor America needs.

I guess those were advanced genetically modified chickens scratching in the yard alongside the road of the rundown immigrant neighborhood I drive through on my way to church.

I've lived in the area 40 years.

Don't tell me it hasn't rundown.

Why else am I one of the youngest Caucasians in the congregation?

Congressfolk Unconcerned Upon Violence Inflicted Upon Other People's Property

In remarks before the House of Representatives, a number of congressional members enunciated in reference to the Ferguson grand jury verdict and following upheaval the mantra “No justice, no peace”.

Would these elected officials be as sympathetic to violence and destruction if such mayhem was instead carried out in the halls of the Capitol by thieving hordes rather than inflicted upon the property owners of Midwestern hamlet in question?

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Lunatic Pastor Calls For The Mass Execution Of Gays By Christmas

Fanatic Liberals Demand Boys Stop Playing War & Girls Playing House

Will Pope Francis Bless Gay Marriage?

Is The Ebola Virus An Antediluvian Bioweapon?

Mark Hamil To Reprise His 1990's Flash Role

Did The People Or Elites Decide In Favor Of Gay Marriage?

In reference to the Supreme Court's refusal to hear cases regarding prohibitions against gay marriage in a number of states, the 10/6/2014 episode of Viewpoint with Chuck Crimier was titled “America Officially Embraces What God Hates”.

But is that entirely accurate?

For did not voters in these states initially enact prohibitions against this practice?

Therefore, on what grounds is the average American responsible when leaders at the highest levels of government overturn the electorally expressed will of the people?

There is only so much that the average person can do.

Chuck Crismier is both an attorney and a theologian.

However, others might have different areas in which they are expected to minister.

For example, is it not perhaps even more important for parents to model loving marriages and family behavior in the lives of their children rather than to neglect these relationships through an all-encompassing activism?

Getting these priorities out of order will do more to spread this form of social decay faster than an out of control judiciary ever could.

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Does Fantastic Four Reboot Intend To Demote The Monarch Of Latveria To Mere Hacktivist?

Police Insist Property Owners Obligated To Endure Pillaging Afrosupremacists

Will Pope Francis Celebrate The Homosexual Penetration Of The Roman Catholic Church?

Brown's Mother's Manwhore Insinuates Marauders Not Allowed Enough Time To Loot Unmolested

Did Male Lesbians Open Vegan Butcher Shop?

Is Miley Cyrus Pregnant With Schwarzenegger Bastard?

Will Obama Give Life To The Image Of The Beast?

Parents Gloat Over Denying Brats Christmas Gifts

Profounder Debate Flies Under The Radar In Santa Fighter Jet Escort Fiasco

NORAD was criticized last year for its annual Santa-tracking public outreach.

One might think such a concern expressed would be about military resources diverted to what essentially amounts to frivolous entertainment or the result of upon additional reflection realizing that, if the military industrial complex is willing to go along with such a low-grade deception, what other things might the American people be being told less than the truth about.

However, a leftwing front group known as the Campaign For A Commercial Free Childhood denounced the violence and militarism promoted on a NORAD Santa-themed website depicting Old St. Nick's sleigh piloted by eight tiny reindeer being escorted by two fighter jets.

This response is wrong on a number of levels.

First is the name of the racket raising the ruckus.

Why should a Commercial Free Childhood be construed as a positive thing?

In many respects, commercialism and commercializing has been beneficial for all parties involved . Such transactions should not be looked at as necessarily bad.

Through commercialism, the manufacturer is able to produce a product that is needed or (in the case of most Christmas presents) desired in exchange for profit. Parents, in turn, are able to bring a degree of happiness and joy into the lives of their children on Christmas morning.

Granted, there are times that commercial transactions can get out of hand and begin to encroach upon or crowd out other considerations. But does that mean we abolish the free market or capitalist system as a result?

Such a question must be raised especially in light of the alternatives. It is interesting how radical activists aren't quite as eager to denounce the shortcomings of economic systems other than unbridled commerce.

Does an outfit like the Campaign For A Commercial Free Childhood honestly think it could exist in a milieu other than the technologically advanced West?

If the Campaign for a Commercial Free Childhood prefers a statist command economy where resource allocation is not made by an incomprehensible number of uncoerced choices but rather by a panel of credentialed experts thinking that they know more about the wants and needs of the individuals that make up the masses that such technocrats claim to be acting on behalf of, they need to realize that troublemakers such as themselves questioning the underlying assumptions of the regime in such an outright manner are either not allocated their ration for failing to comply with the objectives of the COMMUNITY or outright eliminated for undermining the authority of the hegemon.

The other alternative to both the advanced commercialist or command economy models would be one based more on simple barter or self sufficiency. To those that have never been forced to live in such a world, that particular way of life might seem idealized or even romantic.

However, such an existence is hardly the picture postcard it is easy to construe it to be from a distance. In such a setting, many of the luxuries and even many of the now easily-obtainable necessities that we enjoy would not be available or so scarce that access to them would be restricted to all but those with a level of wealth and power far beyond that of the ordinary.

Often, the sensitive can be troubled by the emphasis upon the material or physical that seems to characterize societies and civilizations that have advanced to at least an industrial level. It is only within a context where the basic biological needs of a high percentage of the population are met in an expedient or efficient manner that a sufficient number are allowed the luxury to reflect upon whether or not childhood (a period of life which itself wasn't given much consideration before the expansion of the mass society activists in these kinds of groups have made it their mission to denigrate and undermine) has become overly commercialized.

In a simple barter or self-sufficiency economy, the crank employed by the Campaign for a Commercial Free Childhood, in the best circumstances, wouldn't have the time necessary to contemplate abstractions such as militarism. Nearly all of one's attention and working hours would be devoted to cultivating and crafting on one's own the bare necessities of life if these are even available.

More than likely, those drawn to these kinds of non-profit associations that don't really do anything useful (or little of anything beyond pining for a world that would result in widespread destitution and ruination if it existed anywhere other than in the imaginations of the deluded) wouldn't survive for very long.

If the beatniks at the Campaign for a Commercial

Free Childhood are clueless regarding the operation of a viable economy, they are downright dangerous when it comes to defense policy.

The specific complaint of the organization was that the animated sequence of Santa escorted by fighter jets promotes violence and militarism. Mind you, it wasn't like Santa was blown to smithereens for violating North American airspace.

Even more disturbing and unsettling was the extent to which the military went to placate the peaceniks in regards to this outreach effort.

The NORAD spokesman answering the press inquiry went out of his way to point out that the jet fighters depicted in the video weren't only unarmed but that they were Canadian rather than American. Nothing shouts surrender monkey this side of France louder than an unarmed Canadian.

A nation's future is determined in part by the values it instills in its youth regarding certain essential social institutions such as family, work, and the military. In terrorist nations of the Middle East, a Mickey Mouse knock-off indoctrinates toddlers regarding the need to exterminate Jews and Christians while extolling the glories of dieing a mangled death on behalf of the tribal deity. We, on the other hand, become unhinged now should a child merely see the image of an armed airplane.

Observations Regarding The National Christmas Tree Lighting

At the National Christmas Tree lighting, Obama failed to name “the child” that we celebrate this time of year.

Is he deluded into thinking that the story refers to himself?

At events commemorating Islamic occasions, does Obama also stumble over himself linguistically in the attempt to avoid mentioning the name of that world religion and its founder as he did at the National Christmas Tree Lighting?

Obama pointed out that young WOMENNNN used their coding skills to program the digitized Christmas trees on the Ellipse in Washington.

Is there a reason why possessing a penis excluded youngsters from participating in this opportunity?

Homicidal Policing More The Outgrowth Of Contemporary Liberalism

Liberals create a situation where the selling of unlicensed cigarettes is an offense worthy of fatal police intervention and the statists applaud the continual expansion of government power.

These related perspectives then apparently blame certain varieties of conservatism when it is caught on tape how the totalist state actually plays itself out on the streets and in people's lives.

Obama can't chicken excrement his way out of this one.

Obese cigarette vendors are exactly the ones that have no place in the President's version of utopia.

One shouldn't resist arrest.

However, these bureaucrats are often clearly intoxicated on their own sense of self importance these days.

You are about accused of causing a disturbance at the DMV if you raise your voice for the purposes of being heard over the background roar of this anteroom of Ghenna to get your point across to the witless functionaries attempting not to apply the procedures as they are actually written and who can barely speak audible English.

Hatemonger Honored At Funeral Of DC Luminary

Louis Farrakhan spoke prominently at the memorial service of Marion Barry.

Just days before, this Afrosupremacist demagogue delivered a tirade insinuating threats of racial violence and terrorism.

This is a testament to the extent to which DC political elites despise White people.

Mind you, these are some of the same people that would in other circumstances insist that Paula Deen should be financially ruined for what was said in the privacy of her own home following a traumatic experience and that the name of the Washington Redskins must be changed to comply with politically correct sensitivities.

Santa Not The Only One Throwing His Weight Around At Christmas

The greatest joy some derive from the Christmas season stems from badgering or threatening others on what to do.

At the end of each broadcast, Bill O'Reily concludes with what the correspondent considers common sense advice.

On the 12/1/14 episode, he suggested that viewers not wish their non-Christian friends a “Merry Christmas” but instead a more non-sectarian platitude.

If such people are to remain so prickly despite knowing your particular preferences in terms of religious and holiday matters that they can't humor you, are such people really your friends?

It's not like the greeting is enunciated as some kind of religious identity test the way that ISIS conducts impromptu Koranic quizzes for the purposes of singling victims out for execution.

What's so wrong with wishing non-Christians a “Merry Christmas”?

Do those belonging to another faith think they'd fair better off should Jesus had never come?

Secular scholars always make a fuss how much tolerance and leeway Rome gave to populations subjugated willingly.

But that world power was particularly brutal to those that did not, particularly those insistent that their loyalty to God outweighed any that might be owed to earthly authorities.

A pastor opposed to Christmas insisted that Christians ought not to have anything to do with the day because of the widespread carnality that often takes place at that time despite many of the participants feeling holier overall because of the religious meaning attached to the festival.

But isn't that more the fault of the individual that decides to celebrate the occasion in that manner?

The pastor continued that he also opposed Christmas because the holiday does not deliver the joy and happiness that it promises.

But isn't the same true regarding nearly everything else in life?

Applying these same reasons, wouldn't it also follow that organized religion, and especially services conducted on weekends, should be avoided as well?

For do not many that attend these also think that by doing so that they have kindled special favor with God for having done so and, though few will admit it, they really did not have as good of a time as they claim they did in order to retain good standing with the group?

Do Jealous Theologians Bask In The Failure Of Christian Artists?

On social media, Lutheran apologist Chris Rosebrough felt the need to point out that Kirk Cameron's “Saving Christmas” is the worst rated movie in the history of Internet Movie Database.

And what is the point?

Is the truth of an artistic or didactic work to be determined by critics out to advance their own philosophical or religious agendas?

Applying Rosebrough's reasoning to other institutional venues, should a church not be judged by its willingness to stand up for the Gospel but rather by the size of the crowd drawn in Sunday morning?

There was no doubt a time when the influential of Europe condescendingly looked down their noses at the pastor and theologian Rev. Rosebrough identifies with in terms of denominational affiliation.

Should the bold Reformer have quietly taken his seat as well, leaving the issues of his day to be addressed and resolved by more celebrated thinkers and prestigious minds?

There seems to be little way of winning those of Chris Rosebrough's perspective.

He is correct in much of his analysis that a spirit of entertainment has penetrated the operational procedures of how many churches function.

But Cameron is not necessarily plying his craft solely in a formalized ecclesiastical setting in which Lutherans of Rosebrough's variety insist the form and order of service cannot veer from its highly ordered and regulated nature.

Kirk Cameron will likely never be an historical figure on par with Martin Luther ushering humanity into whole new epochs of understanding where the very relationships between the individual, church, and God are reevaluated in light of reconsidered Scriptural evidence.

However, shouldn't these Christian leaders that bemoan the lack of a Christian influence throughout the arts be a bit more supportive when a fellow believer attempts to burst the epistemological shackles that were often put in place by fellow ministers imposing a misdirected brand of piety to begin with?

Does Tyler Perry Think Shooting Those You Disagree With A Laughing Matter?

Tyler Perry productions are often marketed as quality (even family friendly) entertainment.

In a preview for some film featuring Perry's transvestite character Medea, comedian Larry the Cable Guy remarks something like did you hear the one about the two Black dudes and the rabbi.

Medea remarks to Larry The Cable Guy did you hear about the Redneck shot for telling the one about the two Black dudes and the rabbi.

Would a White producer be heralded and acclaimed like Tyler Perry if the punchline of a skit was a White character threatening to shoot a Black one over something that the White character considered to be off color?

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Will Transgendered Athletes Be Permitted To Bring Own Bats To Practice?

What Is Orthodox Christianity?

Walid Shoebat Lodges Himself Up Putin's Backside

Thieves Of Any Color Not Wanting To Be Shoot Shouldn't Steal Cars

Does Chick-Fil- A Finance Homosexual Youth Movement?

Was It Sin Not To Know Jesus Was In The Nativity At That Time If Only A Few Were Told?

In a sermon on the humility of the First Advent, a pastor observed that the only ones in the world that commemorated the birth of Christ other than His earthly parents were outcast shepherds and Persian Zoroastrian astrologers.

However, should a sermon be formulated in such a way to rhetorically insinuate that everyone else had done something profoundly wrong if God concealed this event from all but a few?

Why are certain hardline Evangelicals this insistent about finding sin in nearly everything?

Isn't the point of these accounts that, in announcing the birth of the Messiah to people as disparate as agricultural laborers and imperial advisors, the Gospel message is for everyone?

It might sound exceedingly pious, but you can't accuse a population of being too preoccupied with their own affairs in terms of complying the Roman census to be concerned about a young woman about to give birth to the most important baby in all history, as this pastor explicates in his homily, if the population is not told exactly who this blessed virgin happens to be?

They didn't exactly have Twitter or post Amber Alerts in those days.

(Photo by Frederick Meekins)

Pundit Advocating Depth Actually Quite Shallow

Columnist David Brooks is publishing a book titled *The Road To Depth*.

Mind you, this is the same pundit that concluded Obama was fit to be President based upon the crease in Obama's pants.

So how much depth can this opus actually possess?

Students Not All To Blame If They Don't Comprehend Citizenship Basics

North Dakota has gained headline attention for proposing that, in order to graduate, students ought to be required to pass a citizenship test of the variety administered to arrivals seeking that particular legal status.

Before looking down one's nose in disgust at contemporary youths unable to intellectually grasp the basics of being an American, shouldn't it be asked if the school system is itself teaching these basics?

Most Marrieds Live No More Purposefully Than Shiftless Singles

In a sermon on marriage and singleness, Southern Baptist Missions Board President David Platt remarked that God did not create singleness for the purpose of playing video games and wandering aimlessly through this life.

But frankly, most married people don't really accomplish anything more significant than that themselves.

Furies No More Deserving Of Ridicule Than Lesbians

On an episode of MSNBC's “Morning Joe”, Mika Brzezinski ran off stage while a story was being reported where 19 were hospitalized following a chemical attack at a fury convention in Chicago.

Would correspondents expressing shock and contempt upon learning exactly what it is that their colleague Rachel Maddow does in pursuit of carnal pleasure still be employed by that network?

As warped as they might be, at least there is still the possibility for those at the fury convention to pair off with members of the opposite sex.

If Those Leaving A Congregation Are Excrement, What Does That Make The Pastor Forcing Them Out?

Pastor Perry Noble suggests that, if the church is analogous to a human body, those leaving a congregation must be the excrement.

But wouldn't that make the one squeezing them out (often the pastor) the anus?

That part of the anatomy remains attached as a permanent fixture and remains caked with lingering stench and filth no matter how well intentioned its regular cleaning.

Unless one is on the payroll or holds some kind of position of responsibility in a particular congregation, there is nothing in Scripture saying you have to articulate any specific reason why you might decide to leave and go elsewhere.

No One's Business If Fewer Parents Allow Children To Play Football

A survey concludes that nearly 50% of Americans would not want their sons to play football.

So what?

It is up to the parents to decide what recreational pursuits that they will allow their children to pursue.

There is nothing in Scripture demanding participation in organized athletics whatsoever.

Should these youngsters be catastrophically injured during a game, are those elevating participation on the gridiron nearly to the status of an obligation going to pick up the expenses for hospitalization or longterm care?

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Afrosupremacist Pedagogue Praises White Race Traitors

Southern Baptists Declare Jihad Against Bloggers

Pope Admits Slavish Adherence To Ritual Pointless

Did Abusive Church Divert Mission's Funds To Massage Pastor's Massive Ego?

The Humanless Christ & The Esoteric Salvation Of The Gnostics

Mourning Outburst Not Necessarily A Repudiation Of Faith

In a sermon, a congregation was encouraged to have a faith fixed like the astronomical phenomena described in Matthew 2 commonly referred to as the Christmas star.

As a counterexample, the illustration was provided of a pastor that, upon hearing of the unexpected tragic death of family members questioned, why and where was God.

However, apart from an admonition not to let one's faith waiver like that of this grief-stricken minister, those listening in the congregation weren't provided with much homiletical resolution otherwise as the sermon was hastily brought to a conclusion.

Did this pastor in the illustration renounce his belief in God altogether, as that would have been wrong.

Or, was he upset with God for a season yet still retaining his underlying faith and love of God?

After all, who among us has not been profoundly upset with a family member while still continuing to love them deeply?

Is God so wrapped up in Himself that He does not realize this?

On what grounds does a minister require an expectation that the Bible does not seem to impose?

For example, Job did not curse God.

However, at one point he did verbalize his frustrations with the divinely allowed unfolding of events that this suffering servant did not comprehend.

There are Psalms of lamentation that seem to indicate that David experienced a similar frame of mind where, despite being profoundly troubled, he still retained his deep faith.

In the Book of Ecclesiastes, his son Solomon would counsel that there is a time for mourning.

And one of the most profound Biblical references of all is also the shortest.

The passage succinctly conveys “Jesus wept.”

So if God's own Son did not make it through life without the intense emotional disturbance that is often required to bring a man to public tears, is it really proper to demand an emotional response bordering on a cognitive dissonance more concerned with how a response will be perceived rather than with what the traumatized person is actually experiencing?

Is Bill Cosby Selective In His Dislike Of White Folks?

Bill Cosby in essence stated that he only trusts the Black media.

He certainly didn't mind rubbing himself all over a number of White women.

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Jesuit Propagandists Undermine Border Integrity In The Name Of Christmas

Black Messiah Album Celebrates Vandalism & Mayhem

Do Islamist Sympathizers In The Vatican Want Terrorists Set Free?

Moron Australians Praise Islam Following Cafe Massacre

Queen Sasqatch Outraged Barack Likely A Whoremonger

Skynet Readied For Deployment

Why Study Prophecy?

Crèches & Crucifixions

Canadian Parliamentary Feline Overseer Passes

Will Reality TV Chronicle Bruce Jenner's Genital Mutilation?

Duck Dynasty's Will Robertson Bends Over Backwards Seeking Affection From The Gay Community

1984: The Year Of The Robot

Slick Willie Grabs Something To Hold On To

PID Radio To Expand Its National Influence

New York Copkiller A Jihadist Sympathizer

Is Dr. Oz A Cultic Quack?

Spider-Woman Redesigned?

Michelle Obama Offended For Being Confused With The Hired Help

Rejoice, America.

For Michelle Obama deems you worthy of her condemnation and chastisement.

During her “incognito” trip to Target a few years ago, a mere peasant requested that the First Lady assist her to retrieve an item from a shelf.

But was that because she was confused with ranking among the servile classes as she insists transpired or because she is built like a Sasquatch?

So the next time you find yourself in a retail setting and you see individuals of a particular demographic that become human bobbleheads whenever they go to open their mouths, you will probably get less grief if you hold to the assumption that they are probably too lazy to work to begin with.

How Authoritative Are A Pastor's Sermons Over You?

Ligonier Ministries has posted a meme disturbed that a majority do not believe their pastor's sermons to be authoritative over their lives.

It is God's Word that is authoritative over your life.

The pastor is simply one voice among many to assist in coming to an understanding of that particular text.

The minister's expositions are only authoritative or binding in those areas where the Scriptures speak definitively.

The pastor should be respected and listened to while in the pulpit if you decide to remain in the congregation where he is preaching in terms of refraining from audible disturbances being enunciated upon hearing something over which you have disagreement.

However, in regards to those issues where they can be a variety of opinion among Christians of similar piety and doctrinal propriety, you are the one that has the final say as to what goes on in your own home and life beyond the church meeting house.

Why Isn't All Hate Speech Equal?

How come calling Sandra Fluke will allegedly result in violence against women but calling for violence against police won't result in violence against police?

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Even The Pope Admits That The Vatican Functions Like The Whore Of Babylon

Has Glenn Beck Embraced Shemitah Hysteria?

Is It Racist To Ask If Black Folks Like Black Movies?

Did Trayvonites Carnally Defile & Murder Blond Acquaintance?

Cuban Catholics Outraged Over Pope Coddling Castro Dictatorship

Human Turds Attempt To Smear Police Officer's Funeral

Southern Baptist Liberal Gets His Rearend Up On His Shoulders Over Christmas Music

James Bond Isn't Black

Anglican Archbishop Insists The Afrosupremacist Destruction Of Property Is No Big Deal

Sandheathen Endorses Pedophilia

Traynonite Goons Assault Caucasian Masticators

Are Anyone's Nuts Safe With Squirrel Girl On The Loose

Belgian Bishop Calls For The Sodomite Penetration Of The Roman Catholic Church

Doctor Suggests Cancer The best Way To Cull The Excess Population

Media Suppresses Regrets Regarding Genital Mutilation

Savage Accuses Pope Francis Of Being Bolshevist Stooge

Are You Racist If You Don't Scarf Down Chitterlings & Watermelon?

Christmas: A Sacred Holiday In A Secular Age

Is Slick Willy Still A Whoremonger?

Shouldn't Those Opposed To Christmas Avoid Websites That Allow The Holiday?

In a sermon titled "The Church: A Called Out Separate Assembly", Pastor Jason Cooley suggested that people that start screaming and crying when you attempt to take away their Baal bush (presumably he means a Christmas tree) because such people are not acclimated to strong doctrinal preaching.

Might the same thing be said regarding this minister as well? For does he not tend to toss a tantrum when a fellow believer might come to a different conclusion regarding such secondary matters?

Regarding the extremeists that post anti-Christmas sermons on SermonAudio.com.

Given that the site allows pastors that support the celebration of Christmas to upload content to the site, aren't those opposed to Christmas that remain on the site violating the very Scriptural injunction about separation that they invoke as justification for heaping condemnation upon those that celebrate Christmas?

Or have I once again brought up one of those questions no one is supposed to ask?

Would Something Similar Be Said Regarding Leftwing Lawyers?

As a result of his participation in the lawsuit filed by Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio regarding attempts by the Obama Administration to prevent the deportation of millions of illegals, WMAL categorized Larry Klayman as a "gadfly attorney".

Would the broadcast outlet dare say something similar regarding Gloria Allred (whose primary motivation of jurisprudence is penis envy) or former Senator and infamous whoremonger John Edwards?

No Need To Over Spiritualize The Nativity Account

In the account of the birth of Christ, the text informs that the census was taken during the reign of Caesar Augustus.

Contrary to a SermonAudio sermon, that fact is not provided as a reason why the Roman Empire missed out on the birth of Christ.

That tidbit is provided more for the purposes of placing the birth of Christ in the context of history rather than the tales of mythology.

Pastor Invokes Independence Day To Undermine Human Liberty & Legal Protections

An Independence Day sermon posted at SermonAudio.com is titled "We Have No Rights".

The pastor hypothesizes this is because Christ is our master.

The presupposition is correct but the conclusion the pastor deduces from that principle is at best only partially correct if at all.

It must be point out that, because Christ is our master, no man or government can ever be in the ultimate meaning of that concept.

Pulpit expositors must be exceedingly cautious when making claims such as the thesis around which the sermon under consideration is based.

For what if there is some kind of calamity and ISIS-like insurgents establish something akin to Sharia law somewhere in the United States?

If this doctrinal pronouncement is taken to its logical conclusion, when these savages threaten to kill you and rape your wife, as a Christian brainwashed by such urine deficient sermonizing would you just stand there and do nothing with the glazed over smile of an Oral Roberts back up singer plastered across your face?

And what about in a case not so extreme and out of the realm of the possibility in the dark days in which we live?

For if we really have no rights and are to endure everything that is as what Christ deems us worthy of enduring, on what grounds do you defend yourself or family members against a pastor with "wandering hands"?

Or by enunciating this very concern, have I stumbled upon the reason why this particular theory of jurisprudence is shockingly pervasive among certain extremist elements?

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Will Acoustic Levitation Technology Lead To The Development Of Antigravity Technology?

Are You Obligated As A Christian To Finance Your Pastor's Posh Lifestyle?

Did 60 Minutes Anchor Need Viagra To Go The Whole Hour?

Why Shouldn't Public Safety Personnel Pick Up Their Own Restaurant Tabs?

In a Facebook update, Sword Of The Lord editor Shelton Smith suggested that upon seeing a police officer, firefighter, or member of the military in a dietary establishment, one ought to purchase such civil servants a complimentary meal.

Would that include law enforcement such as those that drafted guidelines that would categorize constitutionalists and the religiously devout as potential terrorists or those that raid Amish dairies?

The two officers didn't deserve to be murdered on the streets of New York City.

However, from that presupposition, it does not follow that the officer that ended a life over an untaxed cigarette should be relieved of the burden of handling his own restaurant tab.

Aren't these functionaries provided a salary or stipend with which to acquire necessities and simple pleasures?

These are not voluntary positions.

No one is forced to pursue this line of work.

Apart from the solider perhaps, the police officer and professional firefighter are paid at a rate not that far below that of others in the working or middle classes.

Granted, these individuals provide an essential service.

But so do a lot of other people.

So since he grew the food that the restaurant prepared, does that mean that the farmer or the field hand that harvested the nutritional consumables shouldn't have to pay for their own meals either?

A number of historians conjecture that the flush toilet may have done more to expand the human lifespan than nearly every other medical advancement.

Therefore applying the principle that public safety personnel are for some reason entitled to complimentary meals, does that mean plumbers and sewage treatment workers should be lavished with free healthcare?

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Physicist Claims Attack On Earth Imminent By Entities Devastating Martian Civilization

Thought Police Interrogate Emergent Church Hereisarch Over Elocutionary Improprieties

A Review Of Exodus: Gods & Kings

It wasn't that “Exodus” God & Kings” was that bad of a movie.

It is more that it could have been better.

The narrative did succeed in creating dramatic interpersonal tension between Moses and Pharaoh by emphasizing the intertwined family relationships of the two characters.

While the film strives to acknowledge in its own way the broad strokes of the Biblical saga, the producers could have done a better job of honoring and adhering to the specifics of the text.

For example, though Aaron is given a supporting role in the story, he tends to look on as Moses haggles with God.

The audience is left to wonder if deity is actually communicating with the prophet or merely a delusion initially induced by a cranial trauma.

Given that the director was Ridley Scott, for all we know the entity manifesting itself in the form of a young boy claiming to be God could have been related to the creatures from the Alien films and alluded to in Prometheus.

With special affects advanced as they are as evidenced in the scenes depicting the assorted plagues, it was a disappointment that there was not a scene depicting the encounter where Aaron's rod consumed the rods of the Egyptian magicians that turned into serpents.

But I guess it was more important to focus on extra-Biblical details like raids on Hittite encampments and characterizing Moses as some kind of guerrilla in the tradition of Che Guevara or Emilio Aguinaldo.

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Are Demoniacs Ascending A Mexican Volcano?

Fanatic Atheist Ted Turner Planned To Play On The Almighty's Sympathies During The Apocalypse

Are Prince Andrew & Alan Dershowitz Pedophiles?

Emergent Church Heresiarch Insists Compliance With The Herd Mentality More Important Than Scripture

Deadbeats Disrespect Centenarian Veteran

Debunking The Pagan Christmas Myth

Asking "Why" Not Necessarily An Act Of Idolatry

Many conjectures and assertions made in sermons don't really have all that much to do with what is plainly written in the pages of Scripture but rather are about displaying the alleged piety of the pulpit expositor.

It was contended in a sermon that a dour Christian is one that is guilty of idol worship.

Could not the same thing be said about the individual that exudes a pretense of happiness at all times?

From this kind of flippant response to human suffering and emotion, one wonders if such a position stems more from simply not wanting to deal with those grappling with these kinds of struggles.

This observational conjecture is supported by the common exegetical insistence that the Christian can't ask why even when initially confronted with a seemingly overwhelming event or reality as a way to come to grips with what one is enduring.

As evidence, the pastor in the course of this sermon insisted that since Jesus did not lose His joy upon the cross, neither should we.

But was that not the moment and place from which Christ vocalized, "My God, My God, WHY hast thou forsaken me?"

This preacher, that obviously hasn't been sick a day in his life, remarked that God has extended us the privilege of suffering.

Therefore to desire otherwise as expressed through the articulation of "Why", the pastor continued, would be a form of idolatry by wanting something that God did not for us.

So by that definition, does that mean it is a sin to shift position when your foot falls asleep or to pass gas when one feels gastronomically bloated?

But if responding to these kinds of symptoms is the body's way of maximizing physical health, perhaps asking questions is more the soul's attempt in a similar fashion to process facts and data that often on the surface until profounder reflection seem to contradict many of the things that we have been told or taught about God often by those claiming to rank among His foremost spokesman.

Some Sins Indeed Result In Greater Judgment

The criticism is often leveled that Biblically orthodox Christians are harsher in their judgment of homosexuality than other related carnal sins.

All sins bring judgment.

However, if Christians are guilty of the criticism of which they have been charged, isn't that tendency in part the result of the way the Biblical narrative presents itself?

For example, because of the sin of rampant homosexuality, Sodom and Gomorrah were obliterated from the face of the Earth as result of direct divine intervention in the form of fire raining down from Heaven.

Neither can one find any Biblical figure held in esteem that went through a struggle in which they succumbed to this particular form of temptation.

The same is not necessarily true with those falling into heterosexual adultery.

Take for example King David.

Granted, his family went to pieces following his romp with Bethsheba.

However, these events were more the result of the consequences of his own actions rather than direct retribution.

Furthermore, the Scripture at no point invalidates or repeals the appellation of him being a man after God's own heart and the patriarch of the royal lineage through which God's kingdom will have no end.

Would You Rather They Not Go To Any Church At All?

A pastor complained about a family that took nearly a year to find a new church.

Maybe he'd rather they just stop attending altogether.

It will be years before a newcomer will be allowed to do anything other than fill a pew anyway (unless they drop a conspicuously large contribution into the collection plate anyway).

So what's the big deal?

Even if such people are traveling around to a variety of doctrinally acceptable congregations, aren't they still learning about God?

Or are these preachers so wrapped up in themselves that the only people they believe that these things can be learned through are themselves?

If so, aren't they taking the first steps to becoming a cult?

Hyperlegalists Fail To Consider The Role They Play In Turning People Away From Christianity

A pastor remarked that the Devil can use even godly music to direct attention away from Scripture.

Can't the same thing be said of sermons that are imbalanced in reference to what the homilist decides to emphasize rhetorically and exegetically in relation to divine revelation?

A pastor admonished that doublemindedness in a home creates bitterness and anger in the heart of a child.

So can rules for the sake of rules that have little to no rational basis in Scripture and are ultimately just reflections of the pastor's individual opinions and peculiarities.

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Transhumanist Revival Poised To Deceive The World

Catholic Economist Insists Papal Police Pronouncements Harm The Impoverished

Did The Vatican Fall Short Of Categorizing The Parisian Massacre As Islamist Terrorism?

Fairy Hunters Seek First Hand Accounts?

Arizona Authorities Downplay Sasquatch Migration

What Lies Ahead In 2015& Beyond?

Is The NYC Mayor A Subversive On The Soros Payroll?

Increasing Number Of Christians Deluded By Astronomy

Have Chesterton's Predictions Come To Pass?

Apostates Attempt To Hijack The Messiah's Arrival To Whitewash Criminal Mayhem

The TransFORM network is a “progressive community formation network.” Right from the get go, anyone with a lick of sense can tell that his outfit isn't playing with a full theological deck. Any doubting it only need to consider what the organization was proposing for the Christmas and Advent seasons.

The email making the suggestion begins, “Advent is a time when sentimentality and spiritualization reigns. But in more ancient forms of Christianity, Advent was more a season of penitence, not unlike Lent. Today, that call for repentance includes a call for justice.”

Interesting enough. Given the ongoing moral decline these days, at times culture could use a dose of a little more guilt and shame. However, individual repentance as understood by the classical Christian or Evangelical is not exactly what the subversives at TransFORM have in mind.

A beloved Yuletide ballad intones “I'm dreaming of a white Christmas.” The types at TransFORM are such outright leftists that, upon hearing such lyrics, they'd probably rend their garments and flagellate themselves while putting on sackcloth and ashes. For you see, despite likely ranking among the palest of the pale as a result of anemia linked no doubt to their vegan diets, they probably don't like being White very much.

The second paragraph of TransFORM's cheery Christmas greeting reads, “This Advent will unfold against the ongoing protests in Ferguson, the results of the ...grand jury report, the ongoing oppression and ending of life by the triple evils of poverty, militarism, and the ceaseless lynching of Christ through black and brown bodies.”

Thus instead of reflecting upon Christ Himself this Christmas season, He is to be replaced by a new messiah. And unlike the original that offered His forgiveness to all who would ask for it irrespective of color, skin pigmentation is about the only thing those speaking on behalf of this racialist godhead care anything about.

Before presenting yourself or someone else as a new Christ, you had best compare yourself to the original and contemplate how what you are offering measures up or falls short.

For example, Jesus was not walking down the middle of the Appian Way when a Roman charioteer simply heralded Him to admonish Him as to the error of His way. Nor did the Messiah reach inside the chariot to pilfer the broadsword and then proceed to bum rush the centurion.

Those attempting to justify the destruction of property as a form of social protest might attempt to

respond by comparing such actions to Christ's passionate expulsion of the moneychangers from the Temple. After all, did He not turn over tables and chase the scoundrels with a knotted chord according to John 2:15?

The Temple was the house of God, a representation of where His Spirit dwelt among the people of Israel. As God incarnate in the form of the only Begotten of the Father, the Temple was Christ's to throw out of the structure whomever it was that displeased Him.

In comparison, those committing acts of vandalism and violent sabotage across the nation possess no such legitimate claim to the property which they have so blatantly destroyed. Those were other people's windows smashed and businesses set ablaze.

In the accounts of the Biblical text, Christ condemned those that had turned His house into a house of merchandise. He did not abscond with a bandit's share of loot under the guise of some grandiose pronouncement regarding social justice with some shiny bling and a pair of Air Jordans.

The direct email appeal reads, "...we are inspired by the intersectional justice displayed by Ferguson October and welcome a variety of visions of justice as part of the conversation."

Worldview thinking postulates that Christian thought as expounded in the pages of the Bible posits a comprehensive understanding that touches upon all facets of existence. If one tugs at one string, all of the others are affected to the point where the entire system could potentially unravel or collapse. This sounds similar to the concept of intersectional justice.

One of the foremost teachings of the Christian faith is that each individual is responsible for his own actions. Outside influences might prod or tempt the person in a particular direction. However, this does not ultimately excuse the actions that an individual might decide to take.

As such, on what Christian grounds does an individual justify destroying the property of someone not even involved in the particular dispute at hand? These beatniks fancying themselves as intellectual revolutionaries will probably drone on about free market economics deploying police power to impose its hegemony and what not upon the backs of the proletariat. But to be considered working class, wouldn't those rampaging in the streets first actually have to work or at least be willing to hoe their own path in life?

Societies are composed ultimately of individuals. It is these that Christ came into the world to shed His blood for, die, and rise from the dead so that each that would call on His name might receive forgiveness for their sins so that they might enjoy eternal life with Him in Heaven.

It is only by addressing the sin in each of our lives --- irrespective of whether we are White, Black, man woman, police officer or civilian --- that there is any hope of ameliorating the problems of a world marred so horribly by the effects of the Fall. Any group that attempts to hijack these festive yet profound celebrations that commemorate this cosmic saga are more than likely in league with the Father of Lies than the Prince of Peace and the Lord of Lords.

Faith On The Final Frontier

"The final frontier" --- since the mid 1960's these words have characterized *Star Trek's* perception of the adventure and the discoveries to be found in the distant reaches of outer space. Yet can this vast interstellar ether really be said to be the final frontier in terms of providing an ultimate foundation or purpose? For despite all its wonder, at its core the cosmos is not that much different than ourselves in that its external composition is simply another manifestation or component of the physical universe.

Thus, no matter how far man might one day voyage beyond the confines of the earth, he will still require belief and value systems through which to process and understand the role of the mysteries he is likely to encounter both within the human mind and those external to himself with which he has had little prior experience. Often the fields of science fiction and future studies are used as tools by which to forecast scientific and technological developments. However, in *Religion 2101 A.D.*, Hiley H. Ward shows these speculative methods can be used to gauge the form religion might take in the distant future.

According to Ward, the astounding breakthroughs of the future will force humanity to rethink the most basic of concepts as these will be stretched beyond traditional understandings in light of extraordinary circumstances and conditions. For example, Ward points out that the very concept of what it means to be human might be altered beyond current recognition. With the advent of artificial organs and the possibility of growing replacements in a laboratory, there could come a day when death might be delayed indefinitely.

Many would no doubt embrace existence as a cyborg (an organism half biological and half

mechanical in its physiology) if the interchangeability of parts presented the likelihood of staving off the grim reaper as long as possible. Eventually, man might no longer have to endure the inherent limitations of an organic body as range, perception and locomotion could be enhanced by directly interfacing the brain with a computer controlling an array of exploratory robotic sensors (28). In essence, some could live out their lives as a stationary central processing unit while their secondary android bodies simultaneously explored both the depths of the ocean and the peaks of Mars all at the same time.

Ward predicts that these kinds of innovations will spark profound renovations in man's religious consciousness. Faced with the overwhelming enormity of the universe, man may feel forced to cope with the daunting fruits of this exploration by downplaying his individuality by fully embracing his place as an insignificant cog in a machine. In biological and sociological sciences, this theory is known as "macro life", the propensity to view the individual in society as analogous to a single cell in an organism (30).

Such a framework places worth and value instead on the overall group as a whole. Ward foresees this prospect taking more concrete expression in the form of a hypothetical spaceship whose command decisions are arrived at by electronically tapping into the thoughts of the crew and melding these divergent consciousnesses into a single imperative authority greater than the sum of the component perspectives. Even though *Religion In 2101 AD* was published in 1975, this suggestion foreshadowed its fullest development in science fiction in the form of the collective consciousness of the Borg, the cybernetic aliens from *Star Trek* that perceive themselves as a single entity and who value the individual members of their society as little more than drones. This concept of all taken as a singular mind bears a striking similarity to pantheism in the realm of religious studies.

The diminution of individuality will not necessarily be heralded as a bad thing by those clamoring for its demise if it can be marketed as an elevation in consciousness as an ontological unification with the universal totality. There are few greater ego boosters, after all, than considering oneself God (or at least as some tiny part of the divine intelligence).

Regarding this perception, Ward provides insightful comments from some of science fiction's most prominent names. *Star Trek* creator Gene Roddenberry says, "Man will come to see himself properly as part of God. God is the sum of everything, all intelligence, all order in the universe...It is not inconceivable that as intelligent beings we are part of and ultimately become God, and ultimately create ourselves (Ward 136)." Harlan Ellison, author of *I Have No Mouth And I Must Scream*, adds to this perspective: "I guess I worship man. Each has the seed of God in himself (Ward, 136)."

While the religious philosophy of the future will strive to approach the majesty and wonder of outer realities by turning inward, many adherents of the coming cosmic confession will still feel the traditional need of experiencing the divine through a relationship with or by receiving guidance from what they perceive to be an intelligence or symbol objectively transcendent from themselves. Seldom can man pull himself up by his own metaphysical bootstraps.

But whereas the so-called God of old is seen as standing distinct from His creation but actively sustaining it by His loving hand and revealing His message through angels and prophets and later revealing Himself in the form of His Son Jesus Christ, the God of Tomorrowland will employ different couriers and manifest Himself in ways actually less personable. Erich Von Daniken in *Chariots Of The Gods* hypothesizes that UFO's and extraterrestrials may serve as an explanation for the supernatural phenomena occurring in ancient times when these harbingers of universal wisdom appeared bearing enlightenment. Von Daniken does not believe in the traditional conception of a transcendent God.

Rather he believes in a God composed of the sum of all knowledge in the universe, of which each individual is an autonomous piece of information akin to a bit within a computer to be reunified into the singular totality once the evolution to a state of pure energy has taken place (Ward, 129).

And speaking of computers, eschatologists might take note of the role of these devices in future religious thought as considered in dramatic speculative literature. One cannot dismiss such claims on the part of the likes of Hal Lindsay or Jack Van Impe as outright exaggeration. In David Gerrold's *When Harlie Was One*, the Graphic Omniscient Device (G.O.D.) is a supercomputer capable of solving all problems and answering all questions. In the novel *The Fall Of Colossus,* Colossus is a computer designed to administer functions on earth and is ultimately deified as part of a new religion. *Twilight Zone* creator Rod Serling observed, "...with increased dependence of technology, we will find ourselves worshipping at the altar of machines (Ward, 133)."

Ward does an impressive job culling through the

religious insights found across an impressive array of objective analytical forecasts and fictional literary accounts. Yet it is in the final chapter where Ward synthesizes the observations found in the preceding study into his own narrative vignette that the reader gets the best feel for where these cultural trends might take humanity in the year 2101 AD. It is at this point the reader becomes most engrossed in the issues under consideration.

In the year 2101, humanity's major religion is the Church of the Celebration of the Holy World Cosmos whose members are called "Celebrators". Celebrators strive to embrace all the latest fads in religious thought and philosophy such as panantheism, extraterrestrial wisdom, theories of multiple Christs and avatars, and claim to value harmony and expansive tolerance above all else (Ward, 217).

The Celebrators are opposed by religious traditionalists derisively referred to as "Pewsitters" because of their insistence upon utilizing pews and other ancient religious traditions such as monotheism. The reader would initially suspect the Celebrators to be the heroes of the story since they are depicted as the vanguards of progressivism and enlightenment. However, the church to which they belong is as conniving as the most reactionary of ecclesiastical authorities.

Through an agreement worked out with the government, Celebrators are forbidden from traveling, must be free of political ambitions, and have their minds telepathically scanned to prevent disharmonious thoughts. Pewsitters forced to attend Celebrator services face possible disintegration by a laser beam if they disrupt the proceedings.

Despite the facade of technology and innovation surrounding the philosophy of religion underlying much of the science fiction addressing these kinds of questions, man cannot seem to escape his most basic requirements and desires --- no matter how much he might try to suppress them --- regarding his need for a personal God. In Isaac Asimov's *Foundation Trilogy*, God or the "First Speaker" is depicted as a kindly, elderly gentleman who travels the universe helping where he is needed (Ward, 115).

Ward puts his own spin on this concept in his fictional vignette postulating a God dwelling anonymously among humanity as an inconspicuous New York cabbie. Fortunately, the Bible teaches that not only did a loving God come to dwell with men upon the earth in the form of His Son Jesus Christ but that He also provided for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life while He was here through His sacrificial death upon the cross and His resurrection from the dead. If that is not good enough for either the literati of speculative narrative or the mundane realist alike, that is their choice and they must live with the consequences.

When contemplating literary undertakings addressing the philosophy of religion, science fiction with its accompanying connotations of laser guns, rocketships, and creepy aliens does not initially come to mind. However, as Hiley Ward points out in *Religion 2101 AD*, this particular genre known for stretching the limits of perception can serve as an excellent conceptual mechanism through which to explore intimidating themes of belief we might otherwise be reluctant to approach.

Is Zuckerberg Plotting Digital Dictatorship?

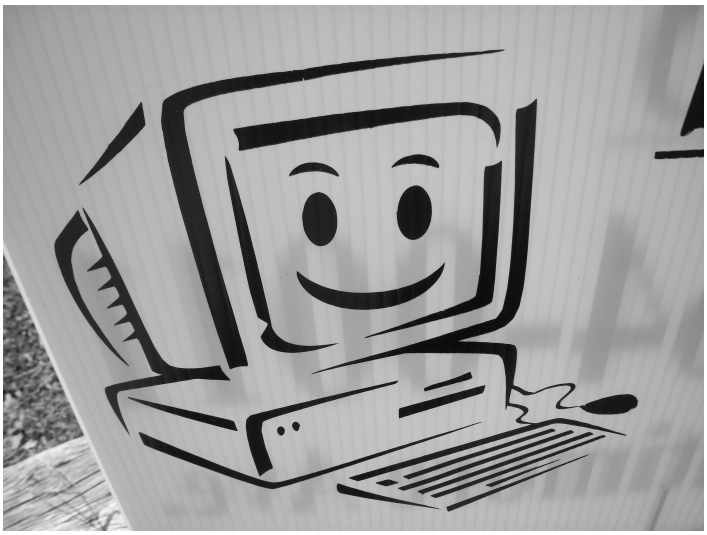
An interesting Time Magazine cover featured Mark Zuckerberg.

The caption read, "Half The World Is Not Enough: Mark Zuckerberg's Plan To Get Every Human Online".

But what if every human doesn't want to be online?

One must be cautious in making definitive prophetic pronouncements.

However, it almost sounds like the techmogul aspires to be the False Prophet of the Apocalypse if he wants to make participation in the digital realm mandatory.



If Wrong To Persecute Christians, What About Oppressing Deficient Theologies?

The doctrine of the lesser magistrate is often invoked as a legitimate way to resist tyranny.

According to this concept, when the higher level civil authority imposes a policy, ruling, or law that undermines freedom and liberty, it is the duty of the lower level magistrate to oppose such a constitutional infringement.

On the surface, such a theory sounds like a practical check and balance against unbridled state power.

But who will protect the citizens when local authorities rise to the level of a tyrant?

One theologian in particular promoting this viewpoint through his opus "The Doctrine Of The Lesser Magistrate: A Proper Resistance To Tyranny & A Repudiation Of Unlimited Obedience To Civil Government" is Pastor Matthew Trewhella of the Mercy Seat Christian Church in Wisconsin.

In my column titled "Pastor Suggests The Suppression Of Witches", I referenced a sermon by Rev. Trewhella where he analyzed the Salem With Trials.

The pastor's criticisms were not so much that the Salem Witch Trials went too far but rather that these judicial proceedings probably did not go far enough.

From Trewhella's homily, the listener takes away the impression that practitioners of deviant forms of spirituality and belief such as witchcraft are to be denied permission to meet and congregate under he First Amendment in an America sufficiently Christianized to his liking.

So just how far do these proposed deprivations of liberty extend?

What about Jews?

How about Catholics?

Will any penalties be imposed upon fellow Protestants that adhere to differing interpretations of soteriology or eschatology?

Now that a number of Christian radio programs such as Standing For The Truth hosted by Mike Lemay have more than sufficiently applauded Pastor Matthew Trewhella on the point of his sociopolitical theology that is correct, how about an examination of those aspects where he might be in profoundly dangerous error?

After all, these ministries certainly don't mind tossing aside any of the good accomplished by the likes of Joel Osteen or even a few of the Emergent Church pastors because of where these religious figures have deviated from sound doctrine.

Christians Meeting Together Does Not Necessarily Mean Full Blown Church Service

A pastor gave an exposition on the early church through an examination of Acts 2:42-47.

The passage was particularly emphasized for the chastisement of those that attend church just an hour per week.

Highlighted deliberately was the passage detailing, "Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts."

However, that does not necessarily translate as what we think of nowadays as a traditional church service.

In that era, that would probably mean more akin to the Christian tuning in to the nightly news or logging onto social media.

These interactions did not necessarily have to be pastorally led or a member of the formalized hierarchy there to police everything being said.

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How Long Must You Linger In The Pew To Be Considered Sufficiently Christian?

It was remarked in a podcast that “real church” includes fellowship with man as well as God.

Criticized especially were those that dart out of their pew once the services is completed.

So how long are you required to linger if you don’t really have anything to say and it is quite obvious that no one really has anything to say to you?

Should A Pastor Stop A Gay Funeral Mid-Service?

A pastor has been accused of stopping a funeral mid-service upon learning that the deceased was gay.

It would have probably been best to just finish out the proceedings.

In the future, this development should serve as a lesson to determine the backgrounds beforehand of those over whose departures one will be officiating if an aspect of their character violates your convictions.

More Honorable To Admit Fear For One's Life Than A Surrender To Diversity

CNN propagandists insist that the network will not broadcast images of the prophet Muhammad for concern of offending Muslims.

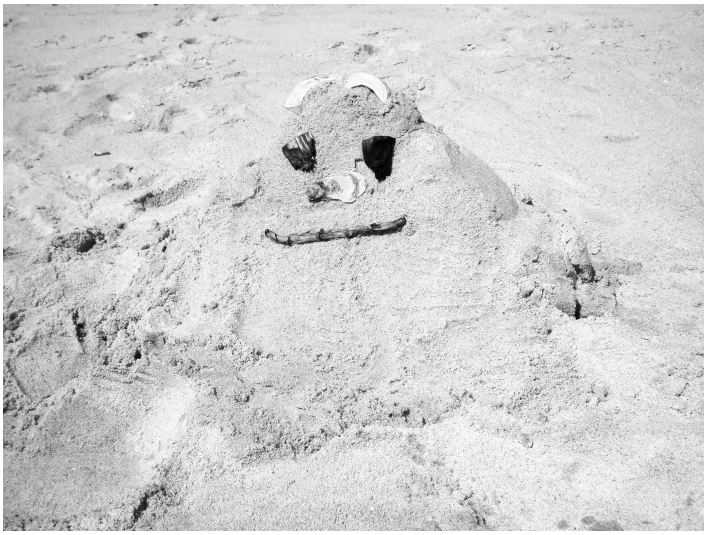
Wouldn’t it be more honorable to just go ahead and admit that the management does not want to deal with death threats or terrorist assaults against personnel and property?

Next James Bond Film Scheduled For Nov. 2015

The new James Bond film is scheduled to premiere 11/6/15.

Hopefully, that won't be as much of a disappointment as the previous installment of the series upon learning that the eponymous Skyfall from the title was not some kind of satellite weapon or an asteroid some mad scientist had manipulated into a collision course with the Earth but merely the name of his ancestral home.

As was remarked sarcastically on an episode of *The Simpsons*, don't you just love it when James Bond no longer does any James Bond stuff?



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